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4U0ITU, ITU HQ. IK1CJO, IK1QBT and I1YRL will be active for two days next weekend on CW/SSB/RTTY, May 20-21st.

5W, WESTERN SAMOA (and 3D2/T2/ZK1). Masa, JE1DXC, has started his third Pacific DXpedition and is currently active from Western Samoa as 5W0XC until May 17th. Operations will be on 80-10 meters including the WARC bands on CW/SSB/RTTY. His next stop will be ZK1 Rarotonga (South Cook Islands and callsign unknown) from May 18-24th. Masa will be active as 3D2XC from Fiji May 26-29th and plans to be an entry in the CQWW WPX Contest. His activity will be from Mamanuca Islands (OC-121) which is not the usual IOTA Fiji Island (OC-016). From June 1-6th, Masa will be active as T20XC from Tuvalu, but before returning home he will be active from 3D2-land (June 7-11th). QSL via JE1DXC.

BV9, PRATAS ISLAND. Wolf, DC3MF, reports in his IOTA news that PRATAS (AS-110) will be activated by an international group with the callsign BV9P. The operation is supposed to start on May 25th. Rumors indicate that Martti Laine, OH2BH, may be one of the operators. EDITOR'S NOTE: DXCC Country status for this one was recently voted down by the DXAC in January.

C6, BAHAMAS. Bill, KM1E will be active from Green Turtle Cay (NA-080) as C6AGN until May 24th. His band activities are unknown at this time, but check the IOTA frequencies.

D2, ANGOLA. D2EV has been heard active on 14213 kHz around 2300z. QSL via DL3KBQ. Meanwhile, "The DX Bulletin" reports Valy, Y03YX, will be in D2-land for the next 6 months. He will be signing D2YX (or Y03YX/4U). The DXB states to look for him near the bottom of the CW subbands.

HB0, LIECHTENSTEIN. The Wiesbaden Amateur Radio Club will once again be active from this small country June 1-18th. This will be the club's 20th year active. The club will be using the callsign HB0/DA1WA on all HF bands on CW and SSB. QSL via KN6G (95CB) with SASE for the USA and via DJ0LC with IRCs for international contacts. Meanwhile, Manfred, DL8SET, will be active as HB0/DL8SET, from May 24-28th. He will put his emphasis on 6 meters, but nevertheless, he will be active also on the usual bands with 100 watts and a vertical antenna.

HK8, TUMACO ISLAND (COLOMBIA). Pedro will be active as HK3JJH/HK8 from here May 16-21st. Tumaco should be in the Narino Division Group. His bands of activity is not mentioned, but check the IOTA frequencies. QSL via his CBA. Secondly Pedro says that he's willing to activate Gallo Island (ed. I can not find it on the IOTA list.) if he can get the IOTA board to give the island a REF number before operating. Apparntly this island is very difficult to get access to, but he will take the risk if he can get a REF number...

OJ0, MARKET REEF. OH0RJ, OH6EI, OH6LI, OH6LK and OH8PF will be active on all bands including WARC and 6 meters from May 25-29th. The Finnish team will be an entry in the CQWW WPX CW Contest (possibly using the callsign OJ0/OH0M during the contest and OJ0/OH8AA outside the contest). Callsigns will be offically announced May 19th. QSL via OH6LI, Jukka Klemola, Aarontie 5, 31400 Somero, Finland, Europe.

P5, NORTH KOREA (UPDATE). Garth, VE3HO, reports he received a call from Kan, JA1BK, (May 14th at 1500z) stating that Martti was active as P5/OH2BH on 14195 using 100 watts and R5 vertical. Since this operation is currently in a demonstration mode, operations will be sporadic at best.

SY, MOUNT ATHOS. Monk Apollo, SV2ASP/A, reports that from the 1st of January 1995 he has never operated on CW. So any QSO on CW from that date on should be considered to be made with a pirate.

VP2V, BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS. Matt, NY3F, will be sailing and active as VP2V/NY3F from May 15-29th, operating HF and 6 meters marine mobile with his "co-DXer" Captain Mark, KB9JVP. Matt will be looking for anyone who has a phone patch and would like to try patching through calls for them to the Lafayette area. They can be found on the following times and frequencies: 2200z on 21325 kHz, 2300z on 18125 kHz, 0000z at 14325 kHz, 0100z on 7035 kHz (CW) and during 6 meter openings, 50125 and/or 50115 kHz.

VP9, BERMUDA. Remember, the Radio Society of Bermuda will operate a special event station VP9RND in commemoration of the 200th anniversary of the "Royal Naval Dockyard" in Sandys Parish. The operation will take place from the Clock Tower at the Dockyard on May 20 and 21st, between 1200 and 2000z daily. Operation will be mainly SSB on the HF bands with the possibility of a satellite operation. A special certificate will be available to stations contacting VP9RND and to SWLs as well. Requests for certificates go to WB2YQH (listen for details on the air).

XV, VIETNAM. As we get near the end of May, begin looking for Rolf, SM5MX, now signing XV7SW from Hanoi on 160-40 meters. Check 1827, 3505 and 7013 kHz on CW. QSL to: Rolf T. Salme, Embassy of Sweden, Box 9, Hanoi, Vietnam.

ZL8, KERMEDEC ISLANDS (PRESENT & FUTURE). Turner, ZL1CDX, sent OPDX the following: "Here is an extract from page 29 of the May issue of "Break-In" the official journal of The New Zealand Association of Radio Transmitters, under the DX column written by Ron Willis ZL2TT;

"A ZL group led by Ken (ZL2HU) has been involved in protracted negotiations with DOC to get permission for a group of six amateurs to visit ZL8. This was due to happen later this year. The group of which I am a member (ZL2TT), was therefore surprised to learn in April that DOC (Department of Conservation) had already given permission to Barry G4MFW/ZS1FJ to visit ZL8 for 10 days from May 5-15th. Barry expects to be active on 15, 20, 40, 80 and to be especially active on 14260 kHz. This activity by Barry should help to take ZL8 off the most wanted DXCC countries list and may well result in this major ZL DXpedition being called off. Watch this space for details."

Barry, G4MFW/ZS1FJ, is now QRTed from Kermedec, but the large demand for ZL8 contacts are still needed, especially for CW. Let's hope this second group of ZLs will receive permission to be active. Meanwhile, Barry's QSL Manager has released the following statement regarding QSLs (excerpt):

"As the QSL Manager for the ZL8/G4MFW operation, I would like to clarify some information that has appeared in DX information bulletins and elsewhere. Unnamed sources have incorrectly stated that we are "requiring" or "demanding" donations in exchange for the ZL8 QSL cards. This is not correct. We have never made such a statement and remain puzzled as to its source. Barry prefers that QSL cards NOT be sent via the bureau system, but directly to me, KA1JC (callbook address). I would appreciate the standard SASE, and, in the case where foreign mailing is required, equivalent in US postage would also be appreciated. As is the case with any costly DXpedition operation, donations would be very much appreciated, but certainly not required to help offset the extremely high expenses of this operation.....

Very Best 73/88 Mrs. Phyllis Davis KA1JC"

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